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1. AT DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION JANUARY 23, FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS CHIEF CARLOS ASHTON TOLD DCM SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION HIS EFFORT LIFT BAN ON ENTRY TO CHILE OF NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT KANDELL IS IMMINENT. ASHTON SAID PRESIDENT PINOCHET HAD AGREED ON JANUARY 22 TO INSTRUCT MINISTER OF INTERIOR BENAVIDES TO AUTHORIZE KANDELL ENTRY.
 2. ASHTON SAID PINOCHET HAD GONE EVEN FURTHER AND SAID HE WOULD MAKE PEACE-MAKING GESTURE OF INVITING BOTH KANDELL AND WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT NOVITSKI TO LUNCH WITH HIM ON FORTHCOMING NATIONAL PRESS DAY.
 3. ASHTON PROMISED TO INFORM EMBASSY AS SOON AS HE IS SURE THAT BENAVIDES HAS LIFTED THE ENTRY BAN ON KANDELL.
 4. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, JUNTA PRESS ADVISER FEDERICO WILLOUGHBY INFORMED DCM GOC WOULD BE INVITING U.S. PRESS, INCLUDING KANDELL AND NOVITSKI, TO ATTEND NATIONAL PRESS DAY
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